

Week of 12/2/13

Council Meeting – December 2

- *Dinner Meeting with 32nd District Representatives (5:45 p.m.)* – Senator Maralyn Chase and Representatives Ruth Kagi and Cindy Ryu attended. This was an opportunity to discuss the 2014 Legislative Session, the challenges facing the State, and Shoreline's 2014 Legislative priorities.
- *Proposed Guiding Principles to Inform Metro Cuts* – Council discussed their position on the proposed service cuts to Metro.
- *Discussion of Transition Area Amendments* – Council discussed reconsideration of a portion of Ordinance No. 654 pertaining to building setbacks in all commercial zones in transition areas (SMC 20.50.021(a)) when across streets from R-4, R-6, and R-8 zones. Council action is scheduled for January 6, 2014.

Council Meeting - Future Meetings

December 9 – Last regularly scheduled meeting for 2013!

- *Dinner Meeting (5:45 p.m.)*: This will be the second annual dinner between the City Council and Council of Neighborhoods (CON).
- *Public Hearings*: Two hearings have been scheduled to receive comments in favor of/opposition to the two Shoreline School District levies on the ballot in February 2014. Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of the levies on January 6, 2014.
- *Ordinance No. 680 Authorizing Eminent Domain for Acquisition of 1300 N 175th (Grease Monkey)*: Passage of this ordinance will allow use of eminent domain to acquire the property if staff cannot collaboratively negotiate an agreement with the property owner of the property for the use of locating the Police Station at City Hall. The City is required to both pay market value for the acquisition of the property and to pay to relocate the current business operating on the site.
- *Ordinance No. 677 Termination of Easements and Lease Agreements*: Currently any termination or release of easement needs to be approved by the City Council on an easement by easement basis when the easement is no longer needed. Adoption of Ordinance No. 677 would allow the City Manager to release easements and leases administratively after 30 days prior notice to the City Council. This notification period should give the Council adequate time to notify the City Manager if the proposed administrative action should have further Council discussion and review and be scheduled for such at a future Council meeting.

Utilities Update

- *SPU Water System Acquisition* – We have reached agreement with SPU staff that the proposed acquisition agreement is final, except for price, and is ready to be submitted to the Seattle Mayor's office. The price will be reviewed by the Seattle Council during their legislative process. SPU staff have flagged this as an immediate issue for the new Mayor to consider after taking office.
- *Ronald Wastewater District* – George Webster was sworn in as a new Commissioner on Tuesday, November 26, following election certification.

Community Development Update

- **Shoreline Community College MDP permit application:** SCC originally submitted their Master Development Plan Permit (MDP) on April 4, 2011. This version of the MDP did not include student housing. SCC voluntarily put their MDP on hold in order to submit a Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow dormitories as a use on the campus. Council approved the Comprehensive Plan amendment in 2012.

The college then revised its MDP application to include a 400-bed dormitory facility where the track is currently located. In addition to the dormitory, the college is also proposing two new allied health and science buildings along with an addition to the automotive tech building. In total, the MDP will add approximately 218,000 square feet of building square footage to the campus. The revised plan was submitted in February 2013 and then updated in October 2013. The October 2013 plan update was required due to staff comment on the revised submittal.

The City's Traffic Engineer and Drainage Engineer are currently reviewing the technical reports that accompany the Master Plan. The deadline for completing the technical reviews is mid to late December. Once the technical reviews are done, staff will be drafting a report to the City's Hearing Examiner who will decide on the outcome of the MDP permit. The Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for the second week of February. The public hearing will be located in the Council Chambers. The MDP permit is a Type C- quasi-judicial application that is decided by the Hearing Examiner. If the Hearing Examiner's decision is appealed, the appeal goes to King County Superior Court.

- **Water District Office & Yard - Administrative Order:** The Shoreline Water District submitted an application for a Code Interpretation on November 1, 2013. The request was for the City to interpret whether the Code would allow a Water District office and yard in an R-6 zone. Specifically, at 15555 15th Avenue NE on properties currently owned by NW Church. The description of the specific uses included: a shop; equipment storage; parking for large equipment; vehicle wash; generator; outside material storage; decant facility; office/crew space; and potential public area.

Unfortunately, the uses as specified in the Code Interpretation application do not meet the supplemental use criteria in the Code and are therefore not allowed. The decision was issued on November 27th. This decision was complicated by the fact that the Code defines a "public agency" to include special purpose and local service districts and defines "utility" to include a operation of systems for public service, both applicable to Shoreline Water District. Public Agency offices and yards are regulated differently in the Code than Utility offices and yards. Therefore, an interpretation had to be made regarding whether the proposed Water District office and yard should be regulated as a Public Agency or a Utility.

The Code requires when there are conflicting provisions, that the most restrictive provision apply. In this case, regulating the proposed uses on this site as a Utility Office and Utility Yard is the more restrictive path in that all of the proposed uses would not be permitted on

this site. (*Note: if the uses were regulated as a Public Agency office and yard some of the proposed uses would be allowed, but the decant facility and office would still not be allowed.*) This interpretation is further supported by the SMC 20.40.030(A) which states that the purpose of the R-6 zone is to provide for predominantly single family detached units and community facilities that are compatible with existing development and neighborhood character.

Staff will be proposing amendments to the Code to address the overlapping definitions of public agency and utility; and to simplify the regulation of these uses in general in early 2014.

Police Update

I am happy to report that we were again successful in being awarded funds for AEDs for police vehicles through the King County Health's Project Rampart Program. The \$3,000 award will likely fund 3 additional AEDs. Staff will work with Police to complete the project in early 2014.

Finance Update

3rd Quarter Financial Report. In summary:

- General Fund revenue receipts are above the revised projection 3.3%, and reflect a year-over-year increase of \$13,679, or 0.1%. General Fund expenditures are 2.1%, less than the projected expenditures.
- Surface Water Utility Fund (SWM) revenue receipts are 3.9% above projections. SWM expenditures are 3.1% ahead of the projection.
- Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue receipts totaling \$1,219,330 are \$159,114, or 15.0%, more than projections and \$220,429, or 22.1%, above the year-ago levels.

Improvement Initiatives

Police Closure of Parks: Effective January 1st 2014 the Police Department will begin closing and locking all park restrooms at dusk each evening. They will also be securing the gates on the four parks that are gated. This effort will increase police presence in our parks addressing Council Goal #5: "Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives". The restroom and gate closures by the Police Department will reduce the security company contract by approximately \$15,000, increase Police presence in our largest parks, and hopefully a reduction in restroom vandalism / repairs.

This & That

- *Veteran's Memorial:* For the past couple of years the Shoreline Veteran's Association, which coordinates the annual Veteran's Day event hosted at City Hall, has expressed interest in creating a Veteran's Memorial in Shoreline. Their intent is to create a space to honor past, present, and future residents who have served in the active military. Earlier this year the group started evaluating sites. They have been working with City staff to see if placing the memorial at City Hall would be feasible.
- *Retail Marijuana License Applications:* The State has begun accepting applications for licenses for the production, processing, and retail of marijuana. As of Friday, the State has

received three applications for retail in Shoreline. The list will be updated every Tuesday over the 30 day period that the State is accepting applications. As the City receives information from the State we will be monitoring and providing information when an application location conflicts with our local land use zoning.